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SUBJECT: CANADA TO MAKE FIRM NATIONAL STATEMENTS, SUPPORT
TRANSPARENCY AT IAEA BOG IN MARCH

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Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) In response to reftel points, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Senior Nuclear Policy Officer Ryan Hewer confirmed to pol/miloff on February 25 that the Canadian delegation will "be prepared to make suitably firm" national statements on Iran and Syria, as well as on the DPRK, at the upcoming meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors (BoG). DFAIT has not yet determined whether it has the capacity available to demarche other BoG members to do the same, he added, but promised to report back on the matter "soon."

¶2. (C) Canada also is prepared to advance transparency by supporting a vote on the release of IAEA Director General ElBaradei's report on Syria, Hewer noted. He explained, however, that Canada was not now in a position to take the lead on another vote, due to its already active role on other IAEA Middle East issues.

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